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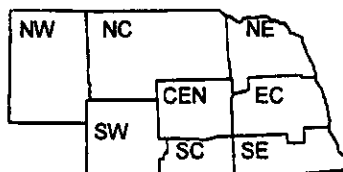
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WEATHER

Temperatures for the week averaged near normals across the State except in the northeast where they averaged four degrees below normals. Precipitation across the State ranged from traces to around an inch.

GENERAL

Spring planting activities were in full swing last week, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. High winds late in the week caused some severe erosion and further dried topsoil. Badly needed precipitation on Sunday, April 28, across the State, should benefit newly seeded corn and pasture growth. Producer activities across the State consisted of fertilizer applications, corn and oat planting, grain marketing, and livestock care.

CROPS

Winter wheat condition declined from last week and was rated at 14% very poor, 29% poor, 39% fair, 17% good, and 1% excellent. To date, 9% of the crop has jointed compared to 33% last year and 28% average. So far this season, wind damage was rated 13% severe, 37% moderate, and 29% light, while 21% of the crop was considered to have no wind damage. High winds late in the week, reaching up to an unofficial 55 mph on Thursday, contributed to those percentages.

CROPS (Cont.)

Oats seeded progressed to 96% complete as of Sunday. This compares to 57% last year and 77% for the 5-year average. Emergence was rated 38%.

Corn planting made excellent progress last week reaching 26% of the acreage planted. This is ahead of last year's 3% and 12% for the 5-year average. Planting activities were the most advanced in the southeast and south central fields. Some center pivots were used to aid germination.

Alfalfa condition was rated 3% very poor, 21% poor, 44% fair, 31% good, and 1% excellent. Reports of winter kill loss were received from all districts but was most apparent in north central, northeast, and east central districts.

Sugar beet planting continued in the Panhandle district.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

Pasture and range condition was rated at 3% very poor, 18% poor, 57% fair, 21% good, and 1% excellent. Additional general rain along with warmer temperatures is needed to promote growth. Spring calving progressed well at 93% complete. Calf losses this spring were rated at 18% below average, 78% average, 4% above average. Some cattle remain on stalks. A few reports in southeast and southwest indicate that producers were moving cattle to pasture but this has been slow due to lack of pasture growth. Hay supplies are dwindling.

FIELD WORK PROGRESS AS OF APRIL 28, 1996	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS								STATE	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVER- AGE
	NW	NC	NE	C	EC	SW	SC	SE				
% Corn Planted	17	6	9	35	26	20	40	58	26	4	3	12
% Wheat Jointed	0	4	4	0	9	19	12	11	9	3	33	28
% Oats Sown	86	96	97	97	95	100	99	99	96	80	57	77
% Oats Emerged	23	20	36	12	46	72	50	65	38	22	n/a	n/a
WINTER REPORTING AS OF APRIL 26, 1996												
% Cows Calved	100	91	88	92	95	94	96	91	93	89	92	n/a
DAYS SUITABLE AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION AS OF APRIL 26, 1996												
Days suitable	4.7	5.4	6.2	6.4	5.9	6.8	6.8	7.0	6.1	4.3	2.6	
Topsoil moisture - Very Short	10	11	14	30	22	42	26	41	22	21	0	
(Percent) - Short	42	63	44	47	52	55	46	51	51	45	2	
- Adequate	48	26	42	23	26	3	28	8	27	34	64	
- Surplus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	
Subsoil moisture - Very Short	0	2	9	6	13	15	35	30	14	17	0	
(Percent) - Short	23	41	33	65	68	81	61	56	51	42	5	
- Adequate	77	57	57	28	19	4	4	14	35	40	81	
- Surplus	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	

n/a = not available.

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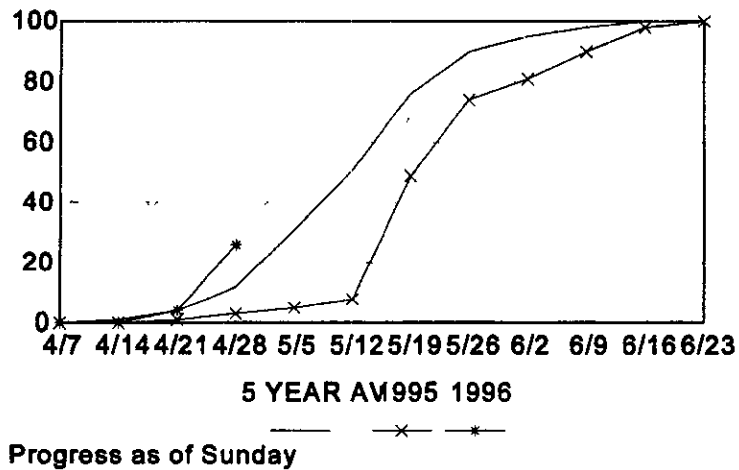
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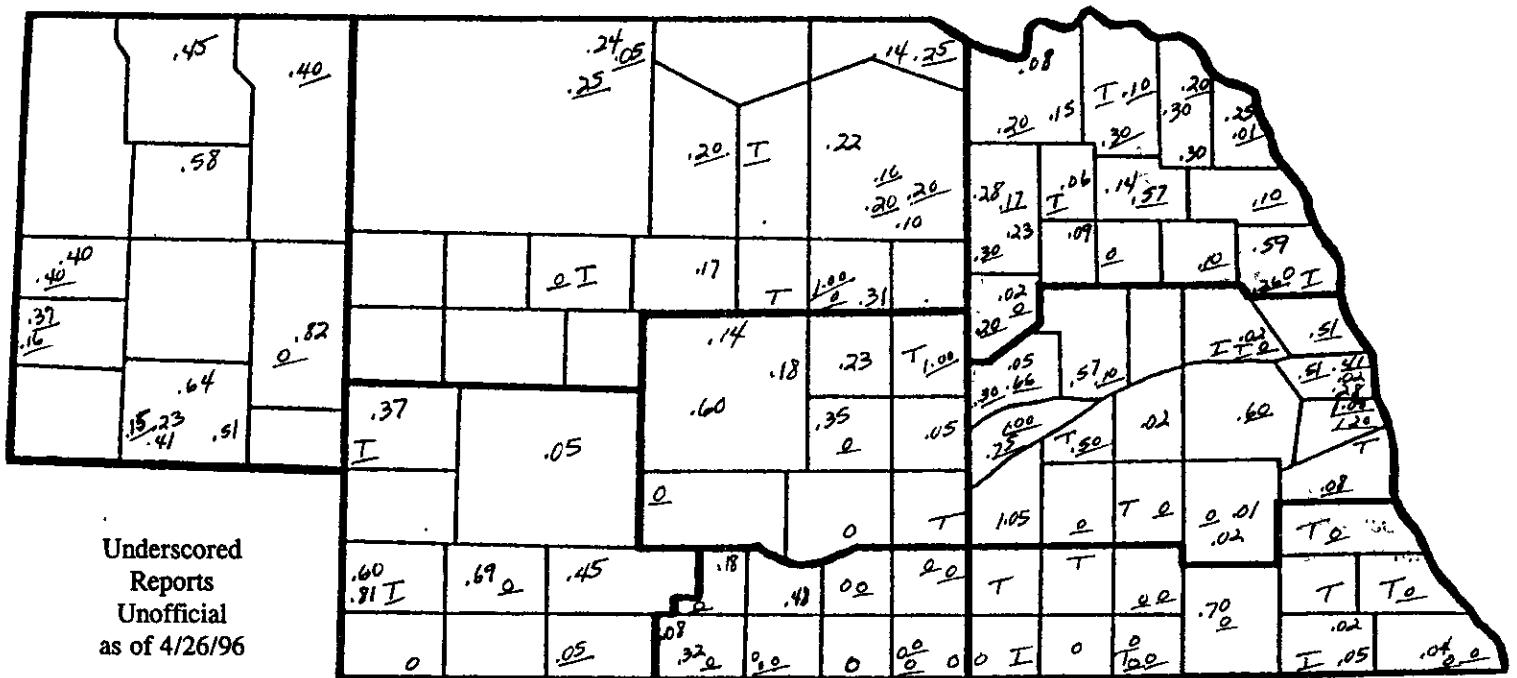
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1996



Precipitation, April 1 - April 27, 1996

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week49	.17	.19	.17	.17	.42	.11	.06
Total since April 1	1.23	.64	.70	1.06	1.41	.87	1.14	.94
Normal since April 1	1.59	1.89	2.19	2.15	2.43	1.66	1.86	2.47

TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1996

Station	Temperature				Precipitation
	Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
	Max	Min			
NW Chadron	82	23	48	---	.45
Scottsbluff	84	22	47	-2	.40
Sidney	81	22	47	---	.23
NC Valentine	83	24	48	-2	.24
NE Norfolk	85	27	50	-3	.09
Sioux City	79	25	49	-5	.25
CEN Grand Island	89	31	54	0	T
Ord	83	28	52	---	.23
EC Lincoln	84	26	54	-1	.01
Omaha	79	29	53	-2	.02
SW Imperial	87	25	53	---	.60
North Platte	88	20	51	0	.05

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.